

ITEM: 11

SUBJECT: Prima Bella Produce, Inc. and Mark Bacchetti, Prima Bella Food Processing Facility, San Joaquin County

BOARD ACTION: *Consideration of an Initial Study and Negative Declaration and Consideration of New Waste Discharge Requirements*

BACKGROUND: Prima Bella Produce washes and packages approximately 26,000 tons per year of fresh corn at a facility in Tracy, San Joaquin County. Food processing wastewater is generated during processing, and equipment and floor cleaning. Wastewater is collected in floor drains, screened, and then discharged to a sump before being pumped to an aerated wastewater treatment pond. Storm water runoff and supplemental irrigation water are added to the wastewater pond, which is lined with HDPE. An average of 100,000 gallons of treated wastewater will be discharged to a 16-3-acre land application area per day. The land application area will be cropped to take up water and plant nutrients in the wastewater.

ISSUES: Brown and Caldwell submitted comments on behalf of Prima Bella Produce, Inc. and comments were also received from JoAnne Kipps, a private citizen. Several minor revisions were made to address the comments and we are not aware of any unresolved issues.

However, the Board is the lead agency for CEQA compliance and will be asked to certify an Initial Study and Negative Declaration for Prima Bella's recent expansion.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends adoption of the of Resolution approving the Initial Study and Negative Declaration and adoption of the proposed WDRs.

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